

## SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS COMMUNICATIONS

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## **SENIOR EXPO 2003 IS COMING SOON**

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) –Senior Expo 2003 will take place on Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This year's Senior Expo will be held at four locations in Wichita Kansas – Botanica, The Wichita Gardens, 701 N. Amidon; Mid-America All-Indian Center, 650 N. Seneca; Cowtown, 1871 Sim Park Drive; and Exploration Place, 300 N. McLean Blvd. Entrance to Senior Expo and the museums is FREE to anyone age 55 and older! Over 3,000 seniors attended Senior Expo in 2002.

More than 100 exhibitors will be distributing information, prizes and conducting demonstrations. Free health screenings will be offered to individuals 55+ by the Sedgwick County Health Department at Old Cowtown Museum. Active Aging will sponsor the screenings at Exploration Place. Screenings in both locations will include cholesterol, blood pressure, blood sugar, vision and hearing, and tetanus shots.

Live entertainment will be provided at each of the four venues including WSU Madrigals; Senior Class Acts, acting group; Vicki Kline, soloist; Garten's Music, organ; Calliope Music; Speechless Servants youth group; and a live broadcast at Cowtown by Country Classic The Ranch 1070 AM. Lunch will be available at all four locations for \$5.00.

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"This is a great opportunity for senior citizens of Sedgwick County and surrounding counties to learn more about services that are available to them in our community," said Sedgwick County Commissioner Tim Norton. "Sedgwick County is proud to be a part of this outstanding event."

Senior Expo participants can park their car at any location and take the trolley or handicap accessible van for worry-free transportation between sites. In addition, the year's Senior Expo Fashion Show will showcase the "Beauty of Diversity." This fashion show will feature local models 55+ modeling costumes and historic clothing from their country of origin. The Fashion Show will take place at 1:00 P.M. at the Mid-America All-Indian Center. Bonnie Bing from the Wichita Eagle will emcee.

For more information about Senior Expo, the fashion show, or volunteer opportunities please call (316) 660-7298.

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